AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated below.

For the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16:

Daughter card 130 is a printed wire board (PWB) that includes a USB hub 132. USB hub 132 allows passthrough communication between the external USB port 120 and motherboard ~~102~~ 106. Specifically, the daughter card includes a front input/output (I/O) USB header 134 and a motherboard USB header 136 that communicate information between each other via the USB hub 132. Communication between the external USB port 120 and the motherboard ~~102~~ 106 is facilitated by interconnecting the external USB port 120 with the front input/output (I/O) USB header 134 and interconnecting the motherboard USB header 136 with the motherboard ~~102~~ 106.

For the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 16:

FIG. 5 also depicts interconnection of daughter card 200 with motherboard 420 and USB header 424. In particular, a first USB cable ~~502~~ 504 interconnects USB header 422 with USB header 212 of the daughter card, and a second USB cable ~~504~~ 502 interconnects front I/O USB header 210 with USB header 424. Thus, internal USB ports 214 and 216 are provided without using a PCI expansion slot of the chassis 400.